

REMARKS

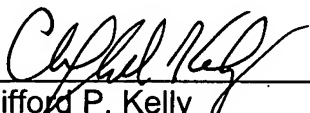
Upon entry of this amendment, independent claim 1 with dependent claims 3, 5-11, and 13, 14, and 16-21, independent claim 2, and independent claim 12 will be present in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4, which has been canceled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 2 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

Claims 1, 3, 7-11, 13, 14 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. 4,268,381 (Hooper) in view of U.S. 5,119,953 (Atkeison), applicant's admitted prior art, and U.S. 6,290,067 (Bergdahl et al.). Claims 2, 4-6, 12, 20 and 21 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4. Claims 2 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the rejections of record are moot.

In view of the above-directed amendments and the proceeding remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in condition for approval.

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